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HORIZONTAL CAPILLARY TEST STRIP

**AMENDMENT FILED**  
**WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated July 30, 2008, please enter the following amendments and remarks in the above-mentioned patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any extensions of time as well as any additional fees or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.